action against the groups involved, and dismantling the infrastructure of terror permanently. The United Nations has put sanctions on four individuals of the LeT, including Hafiz Mohammad Saeed, and on the front organisations under which the LeT has been operating such as the Jamaat-ud-Daawa.

Apex court directions on revamping of police force

1779. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether apex court had given directions to the States and also to the Union Government about the revamping of the police force;

(b) if so, whether there has been some compliance from the smaller States and the Supreme Court has constituted a Monitoring Committee to oversee the implementation of the directions in various States; and

(c) if so, how many States have so far revamped police reforms and whether there is an urgent need of revamping the police force in view of the increasing extremist activities and also incrasing communal riots in many parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The Supreme Court of India in its judgement dated 22.09.2006 in civil writ petition No. 310 of 1996 issued several directions on police reforms *inter-alia* to the States/Union Territories for compliance till the framing of appropriate legislation and directed to file the status report within the stipulated time period.

(b) Various States have filed their replies directly to Supreme Court and it is not feasible for the Government to comment on the status of compliance by the State Governments. The matter was heard successively on different dates by Hon'ble Supreme Court. It was last heard on 16.5.2008, in which Hon'ble Supreme Court as regards the implementation of the various directions made earlier in its judgement dated 22.09.2006 directed to set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Justice K.T. Thomas, former retired Judge of the Supreme Court with specified terms and conditions which are subject to the variation by the Committee. Further, the Committee will function initially for a period of two years only. However, the Hon'ble Court may extend its life span if considered necessary. The Committee so far has held three meetings in this regard.

(c) As per available information, States of Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Punjab, Rajasthan, Haryana, Sikkim, Tripura and Tamil Nadu have either enacted the new Police legislation or amended the existing legislation.

Further, to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in modernising their police forces, the funds are provided under the scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) to procure admissible equipments namely modern weaponry, Surveillance, Communication equipments.